(In Loco Parentis)

While the absence of his parents, or of anyone to act for him in loco parentis, could account for at least some of Mr. Ross's wandering, this absence is given almost no weight in the Clinical Record. The Asylum itself seems to have filled that void -- not very well, according to Mr. Ross himself.

Much of Mr. Ross's Clinical Record is a paraphrase of the life story he told to the examining doctors. It is a tale of rather typical adolescent drifting. He withdrew from University because of bad health, and worked for uncles out West, where his health did not improve. While he could not enjoy the usual family and school contacts, his aunt and uncle discouraged him from making friends -- they tended to consider most of his peers "inferior." He got into serious trouble for "extravagance" on a trip to Winnipeg -- he spent $85.00. Naturally he got depressed (even if the authorities encouraged him to think otherwise):

> During the first part of his residence in ---- he would not speak to any one. He never went to church or concerts and could not look any one in the eyes. He strove to overcome these feelings, but was unable to do so. He would go to the stable talk to the horses. He never wrote letters home, but at times would break down crying, feeling very blue, and at the same time he admired there was no adequate reason for this depression.

One object of the examination was to make the patient agree. Dr. W.J. Robinson, Superintendent of the London Asylum, complained on April 21, 1910, that Mr. Ross "gave a clear account of his erratic actions previous to his admission but had no adequate shame for, or realization of, the foolishness of this conduct."

He subsequently returned to the Manitoba town where his uncle lived and became involved in the local Athletic Association. According to his own statement, quoted at length in the record, "here ... his troubles began." His uncle had resigned from the same organization because of "crooked work" between the Vice President and the Secretary Treasurer." Mr. Ross was elected